



## JAPAN SERENE

### Mikado Has It All His Own Way Now.

## BALTIC FLEET STOPPED

### Stoessel Tries to Give Nogi His Favorite Arabian Horse Gift Taken.

## RUSSIANS WANT PORT ARTHUR

### Europe Is Looking to Roosevelt As an Intermediary Between the Warring Nations, and It Will Be Through Him Peace Is Made.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Japan has not made overtures for peace to Russia, directly or indirectly, through the United States or any other power, and contemplates no such action, and, now that Port Arthur has fallen, Japan purposes to press the war in the north all the more vigorously by reinforcing the Japanese armies at Liao Yang with the greater part of the troops which have been besieging Port Arthur.

This, in brief, represents the views of Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister.

The Russian embassy reiterates that Russia will fight all the harder in view of the temporary loss of Port Arthur.

Europe, it is learned, is firmly convinced that, however dark the outlook for peace is at this moment, when the prospect brightens it is to President Roosevelt that the neutrals, as well as the belligerents, will look as an intermediary through whom peace negotiations may be initiated.

## JAPS CELEBRATE.

### More Get Killed Than Have a Good Time at Mukden.

Mukden, Jan. 6.—The Japanese army celebrated the New Year January 2 and the sound of music could be plainly heard inside the Russian lines wherever the positions of the two armies were close. Kites and paper balloons were sent up. Some of the balloons were several feet in diameter, and fell inside the Russian lines. They bore the inscription in Russian, "Happy New Year."

The Japanese tried to combine business with pleasure. While the festivities were in progress an attack was made upon the village of Vito, immediately in front of one of their positions. The Russians replied with artillery on the right and center, and prevented the Japanese from occupying the village.

The same night a party of Siberian volunteers surrounded the village of Sintountoun, a Japanese signal station. One column made an attack on the left without firing and caught the Japanese unexpectedly, driving them out. Subsequently the Japanese opened a heavy fire from the neighboring hills and compelled the Russians to retire from the village.

## GRACEFUL COURTESY.

### Stoessel Tenders His Favorite War Horse to Nogi.

London, Jan. 6.—A special dispatch from Tokio says at the conclusion of the interview between Generals Nogi and Stoessel, the latter begged to be allowed to present to General Nogi his favorite horse. General Nogi courteously declined a personal acceptance, pointing it out that it came under the category of war material to be surrendered, but he consented to accept the animal in the name of the Japanese army.

## SQUADRON STOPS.

### Baltic Fleet Keeps Away From the Japanese Victors.

London, Jan. 6.—The Times learns there is no evidence of supplies being arranged for the Russian Second Pa-

acific squadron beyond Diego, Suarez Bay, and that charters for coal and provisions for points beyond have been cancelled.

Still more significant, the Times says the Russian government has cancelled its contracts for two large shiploads of arms and ammunition from Liba to the East Indian archipelago and Saigon. The only inference, the Times concludes, is that the squadron will not go beyond Diego, Suarez Bay.

## Has Contraband.

Portland, Jan. 6.—The steamship Olympia will leave Portland next week with contraband for the Russian army at Vladivostok. The cargo will consist of oats and canned beef.

## Hopeless Tale.

Irkutsk, Jan. 6.—Many troop trains are passing on the way to reinforce the Russian army in Manchuria. The news of the fall of Port Arthur was received in sadness. The soldiers express a determination to retake the fortress.

## GET THE GILT.

### Cassie's Swag Is Getting Back to Its Owners.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 6.—The Plain Dealer tomorrow morning will say: Upon the investigation into the charge that a large quantity of diamonds and other jewels were smuggled into this country by persons returning from Europe with Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, has resulted in the finding by the United States customs officers of some \$60,000 worth of gems and diamonds.

There will be no immediate seizure of the property. It is reported that some of the diamonds are in safe deposit vaults in Cleveland and in New York.

The reason that immediate seizure was not ordered by the officials is explained by the fact that formal certification is necessary.

## FORESTS AND MINES

### Effect of Water Supply on the Diggings.

## DR. DAY SAYS NO FREE LIST

### Government Has Peddled Its Wealth to Unappreciative Patrons Quite Long Enough—Indian Reservation Law Recommended.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The importance of public forest lands to mining was the theme of the morning meeting of the concluding session of the American forest congress. A. L. Fellows, consulting engineer of the government reclamation service, discussed the development of water power as related to forest reserves. He contended that the forest areas should be reserved by the government, and should not be left in the unregulated domain of the United States.

Dr. David T. Day, chief of the division of mineral resources of the United States geological survey, contended that it was no longer necessary to give coal, asphalt and other mineral lands in the government domain practically free to prospectors, and said that the government should apply some such regulations to govern the sales and leases of these public mineral lands as are applied to the lands belonging to Indians.

Captain Seth Bullock of South Dakota, supervisor of the Black Hills forest reserve, discussed the effect of conservative forest reserve administration on mining development.

## MORE "CONSPIRACY."

### Beef Instead of Land Frauds in Washington.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Arguments in the case of Swift & Co. against the United States, known as the beef trust conspiracy case, was begun today before the supreme court of the United States. The attorney for the packers contended that there had been no violation of the law and that sufficient facts had not been adduced by the prosecution to constitute grounds for action.

## DOORS LOCKED

### Colorado Solons In Star Chamber Session.

## TROUBLE BEGAN QUICK

### Haggett and Dickson Went to the Floor on Presidency No Decision.

## SENATE STAVES OFF QUORUM

### Scenes of the Hungarian Diet Are More Than Duplicated in the State of Miners, Dynamite, Labor and Petrified Grief.

Denver, Col., Jan. 6.—Behind locked doors and amid scenes of intense excitement and confusion the Colorado legislature passed today a resolution creating a committee of 15 members to canvass the vote cast for governor at the last election and submit a report to the legislature not later than Monday next.

The committee was composed of five senators and ten representatives, the political division being 12 republicans and three democrats.

Trouble began with the first session (joint), due to the fact that neither Speaker Dickson nor Lieutenant Governor Haggett would resign the presidency of the joint session one to the other. Each held his stand upon legal advice. Each endeavored to rule, and each action of the two men was diametrically opposite to the decision of his opponent.

A movement by a senator of the joint session to adjourn was voted upon each side declaring amid great turmoil that its side had won. The lieutenant governor cried: "Members of the senate will leave the house," and, followed by most of the senators, he quite the place. An attempt was made to lock the doors, but it failed. The session was still declared open by Dickson, and after much wrangling, a motion to appoint a committee to canvass the gubernatorial vote was carried.

Lieutenant Governor Haggett and his followers assert tonight that five of the republican senators, who were in the joint session today will remain away tomorrow and prevent a quorum.

## EDNA'S FIGHT.

### Dunsmuir's Millions Are Again in Contention.

San Francisco, Jan. 6.—All during this forenoon in Judge Coffey's court the attorney for Edna Wallace Hopper argued against a motion to set aside the will of the deceased millionaire coal merchant, Alexander Dunsmuir. The afternoon session was devoted to arguments by the counsel for the Dunsmuir heirs.

## END SATISFACTORY.

### Murderer Dies and His Victim Is Little Hurt.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 6.—Matthew H. Conners, a former employe at the court house, fired three shots at his wife this afternoon and then shot himself through the head. His wife received but a slight wound in the arm. Conners died at the hospital. Family trouble is given as the cause.

## NO APPROPRIATIONS.

### Oregon Will Feel the Effect of the Economy.

Portland, Jan. 6.—Associated Press dispatches from Washington bring a statement that congress probably will not pass a river and harbor appropriation bill at the present session. House leaders, it is said, favor allowing the measure to go over, on account of the present depleted condition of the national treasury.

If the river and harbor bill fails of passage at this session the effect in Oregon will be disastrous. Work will

cease on the rivers and harbors, and its abandonment in its present unfinished condition will result in much of it becoming undone again and rendered valueless by processes of Nature. Shipping will suffer serious inconvenience. The 400 men now engaged in the government river and harbor work under the direction of the United States engineers stationed here will be rendered idle.

## POOR NAN.

### Application for Bail Is Overruled by the Court.

New York, Jan. 6.—The petition of Nan Patterson for bail was overruled. On learning the news from her attorney in the Tombs Miss Patterson collapsed and cried bitterly.

## Sultan Is Beaten.

Paris, Jan. 6.—A dispatch to the Havas News Agency from Marnia, Morocco, reports another fight between the sultan's and the pretender's troops near Oudja. The dispatch says the sultan was defeated, his troops sustaining 400 casualties.

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## Disastrous Fire.

Albany, Ore., Jan. 6.—The big general merchandise store of A. M. Reeves & Co. in this city was almost totally destroyed by fire about 11 o'clock last night, the total loss being \$18,000. The building was left standing but is practically ruined and the stock of goods in the store was almost entirely ruined by fire and water.

## Report Unfounded.

Constantinople, Jan. 6.—The Associated Press is authorized to say that the report published in the United States yesterday that the Turkish garrison at Sanna, Arabia, had surrendered to the insurgent natives, is unfounded.

## BRYAN IS HAPPIER

### Administration Begins to Please Even Democrats.

## PATS ROOSEVELT ON BACK

### Great Democrat Eulogizes the President on His Stand for Reform Laws and Government of the Country's railroads.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 6.—A banquet, at which 400 covers were spread, was tendered W. J. Bryan tonight by the Jackson club at Memphis. Bryan was introduced as the next president of the United States.

His subject was: "Watchman, What of the Night?"

After speaking of the causes which, in part, contributed to the recent defeat of the democratic party, Bryan said the platform adopted by the Kansas City convention expressed views of more democrats than any platform adopted since. He praised several recommendations made by President Roosevelt and spoke of him as doing many good things. He said:

"Just now President Roosevelt gives promise of beginning a reform movement. He recommends legislation which will reform the public in regard to campaign contribution. This is a far reaching recommendation, and should receive the fullest support of every democrat. He also recommends enlargement of the scope of the interstate commerce law. This, too, is a step in the right direction.

"If the president, with the aid of democrats, accomplishes any reform the public will secure the benefit of it; if, even with democratic aid, he fails, the educational work which he does will help the democratic party in future contests. In municipal affairs of municipal ownership of all municipal franchises, and our party must face the fact that failure to properly regulate the railroads will compel public ownership of railroads.

"If the federal government operates only trunk lines, leaving the states to operate the network of local lines, we can have public ownership without centralization, and, as I believe, without danger to any public interests."

## ENTER BAKER

### Attack Made on President Roosevelt.

## UNRULY CONGRESSMAN

### Democrat Whoops Things Up in the House and Objects All Along Line.

## BARD AGAINST STATEHOOD

### California Senator Objects to the Passage of the Unity Bill Coalescing New Mexico and Arizona Because They Don't Want It.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The house passed the fortifications bill and adjourned until Monday.

After Littauer (Pa.) had drawn a lesson from the siege of Port Arthur to show that submarine mines proved of the greatest importance in warfare, Baker enlivened the proceedings by attacking the president, who, he said, wanted to hold himself up as the "counter-part of Wilhelm II, the great war god."

Later Baker found fault with the provision of the bill permitting the entry of such war material as might be purchased abroad and charged the republican party with fraud in its contention that the foreigner pays the tax.

## Bard Busy.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Senator Bard today occupied the time of the senate given to the joint statehood bill. He made an argument against the union of Arizona and New Mexico on the ground that the people of the two territories do not desire it. Several bills of minor importance were passed.

## WE ARBITRATE.

### Seven Countries Join in Peaceful Measure.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—Arbitration treaties between the United States and seven foreign governments were made public today by order of the senate in executive session. The countries making the conventions are Great Britain, Portugal, France, Switzerland, Germany, Italy and Spain.

## STILL SHOOTING.

### Oyama and Kuropatkin Just Find It Out.

Berlin, an. 6.—The Lokal Anzeiger's Mukden correspondent says: "Field Marshal Oyama has sent a letter to General Kuropatkin, communicating the news of the capitulation of Port Arthur and praising the bravery of its defenders. The effect of the news is especially confounding the last reports indicating that there will be a long resistance. It is not believed that it will immediately effect the situation on the Shakhe river. Continued and intense cannonading has been heard since dawn near Sin Shingpu and Shakhe river."

## LABOR ROW.

### The Everett Convention Is Having a Good Time.

Everett, Wash., Jan. 6.—A lengthy discussion over the proposed change in the method of electing officers kept the Washington State Federation of Labor in session all of the afternoon. The session will probably last all day Saturday. An attempt was made to amend the constitution through a resolution providing that a referendum vote be taken as the proposed amendment which provided that the officers of the state federation be elected by a referendum file instead of by convention. The nominations are to be made the last day of each convention, and the vote of the various unions will be taken subsequently. The effort failed, 88 to

69. The Seattle federation favored the measure, Spokane, Tacoma and Everett opposed it.

## BUYING SUBMARINES.

### United States Wants a Few of the Porpoise Boats.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—Secretary of War Morton will soon sign a contract with an American company for four submarine boats to cost \$600,000. This amount is necessary for their construction having been appropriated by the last congress. The boats are built largely for experimental purposes.

## Emery Resigns.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—The resignation of Frederick Emery, chief of the bureau of trade relations, has been accepted by Secretary Hay and he will retire March 31.

## AT FISHERS.

At Fisher's last night "For Mother's Sake" scored the success of the season in Astoria. The reputation of the company, for good organizations are patronized in Astoria, filled the house on advance sale, before noon yesterday, and there was no disappointment.

Even applause was not lacking, and Astorians applaud much as a mud turtle warbles—only occasionally.

Jo Pemberton, in the person of Marie Heath was, literally, "the whole show," but was a good one. Jerry Hicks, in Lee Harris, found a place because he couldn't help it. He was too big to be overlooked, both in size and rendition.

The story is a homely one, and requires the best telling on the part of a company to make it effective, but at times there were few dry eyes in the house last night, and hardened theatergoers were caught surreptitiously weeping. "For Mother's Sake" was well done.

## CRUM IS CONFIRMED

### Presidents Nomination Passed by the Senate.

## NEGRO WILL BE COLLECTOR

### On Division on Party Lines the Senate Confirms Appointment of a Colored Man as Collector of the Port of Charleston, S. C.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—The nomination of W. B. Crum, a negro, to be collector of customs for the port of Charleston, S. C., was confirmed by the senate executive session today by a vote of 33 to 17.

Crum had been nominated by the president three times and had received three recess appointments. The confirmation was opposed by Senator Tillman, who opposed the appointment of the negro. When Crum receives his commission he will be entitled to receive the salary which has accumulated since his first appointment.

It was Crum who was the bone of contention in the senate when Tillman lost his prestige by attacking another senator, and the collectorship of the Charleston port has directly resulted in three deaths to date. Crum is an educated negro, and has the best of records, but the prejudice against his color has been so strong that the president has had to incur the enmity of a dozen southerners of influence, besides a multitude of others, to make his nomination permanent.

## Treaty Ratified.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—The senate in executive session today ratified the extradition treaty between the United States and Panama and the treaty amending the convention between the United States and Sweden and Norway.

## Steerage Rules.

New York, Jan. 6.—During the last year 572,978 steerage passengers arrived at New York, 68,704 cabin passengers, while 93,635 came in second cabin.